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Julius Genachowski

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201

Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices / WC Docket # 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Even in the heart of Silicon Valley we cannot take Internet access for granted. Keeping Internet access affordable so we can make strides in closing the digital divide is essential to the Latino community, and our members.

Issuing new Internet rules that respond to fears about tomorrow is not nearly as important as focusing on the positive goal of reaching all Americans with good, high speed broadband access today. Getting there will take investments, private-public partnerships and the dedicated attention of policymakers.

We are concerned that promulgating network neutrality regulations is counter-productive. First, while the need to close the digital divide is here today the need for net neutrality regulation is anything but proven. Second, there are real risks to setting up federal Internet regulations. The Internet has grown as fast and as quickly as it has without these sorts of regulations. Finally, entering a debate over network neutrality will be divisive and will actually divert time and resources away from the more immediate need – getting broadband to everyone.

Let's work together to meet this goal instead of dictating complicated restrictions and encumbrances on something that is working brilliantly so far.

Sincerely,

James Duran, Chair, Board of Directors
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